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ENGELSING

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REFERENCE: MGHa-795, MSB-1083, MGHa-1070, MGHa-1033

SUBJECT : EQUAL: ENGELSING, BUSCHMANN, CAMPLER

1. The second part of ENGELSING's testimony throws no more light on his real or imaginary association with EQUAL than did the first.

2. Paragraph 3 of MSB-1083 appears to be nonsense. A very short biography of SCHULZE-BOYSEN, written by his father, Erich Edgar SCHULZE, and lent to PORTER by CAMPLER, quotes numerous articles written by SCHULZE-BOYSEN as early as 1932 which show that he did not wait until 1939 to discover his political philosophy. (It is planned to translate pertinent sections of this biography or to photostat the entire work.)

3. The fact that ENGELSING mentions BUSCHMANN is inconclusive, since the latter has been well known for some time.

4. ROEDER's story of the important documents smuggled to Sweden, quoted in MGHa-1033 to offset ENGELSING's claims that SCHULZE-BOYSEN had been in touch with the Swedish military attache in Berlin, is related in great detail in the biography. SCHULZE, who was present when the arrangements were made with KOPKOW, states categorically that SCHULZE-BOYSEN used the document story only as a ruse to delay the execution of the sentences until the end of 1943. SCHULZE now claims that the Gestapo promised to keep the bargain even after they learned that no documents had actually been sent, but that the execution was carried out at the end of 1942 by special order of HITLER.

5. CAMPLER did not believe ENGELSING's claim that the SCHULZE-BOYSEN group used Til Eulenspiegel for coding. He offers instead the following account, which he believes ENGELSING may have heard and misinterpreted. A play called Eulenspiegel, written by Dr. Adam KUCKHOFF, was read during one of the meetings, probably in 1940, at which a representative of the Soviet Trade Delegation was present. The Russian was apparently impressed and asked for a copy of the play to be sent to Moscow. When the Germans began to intercept the the Brussels-Moscow traffic which eventually led to SCHULZE-BOYSEN's

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downfall, a reference to Ulenspiegel appeared in one of the messages. During a routine interrogation of KUCKHOFF's wife, she was asked whether she had ever heard of anyone of that name. Her reply that her husband had written a play by that title incriminated Dr. KUCKHOFF. It is possible that ENGELSING was somehow associated with KUCKHOFF, who was a movie director, since he stated previously that he had introduced actors and actresses into the EQUAL complex. CAMPER will try, through correspondence with Mrs. KUCKHOFF, to determine where ENGELSING fits into the picture.

6. In the matter referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 of LGHa-1070, it is probably not necessary to contact Dr. PAUL, since it can be handled through CAMPER and Mrs. KUCKHOFF. It should be kept in mind that there is still an agreement between Washington and London that the British will undertake all operational exploitation unless they specifically request some action from the Americans. It is of incidental interest that Dr. PAUL appears to be quite active in women's groups in addition to her official position in the Central Administration. During the latter part of June, she attended a convention of the Frauenring of the British Zone at Pyrmont as an official Berlin representative, with Dr. DURAND-MEVIER and Mrs. Nora MELLE.